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Library to Present an Exhibit Focusing on Italian Devotion to the Black Madonnas

Event is Part of the San Diego Public Library's "Stories of Faith" Program

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library and the Italian Studies Department of the University of California, San Diego will host the traveling exhibit "**Evviva la Madonna Nera: Devotion to the Black Madonnas in Italy and Among Italian Americans.**"

This exhibit is on loan from the Italian American Museum in transitional residence at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College. The exhibit will remain on display at the Central Library from Sept. 29 through Nov. 22. This exhibit is FREE to the public.

"Evviva la Madonna Nera" explores in a collage-like fashion the origins, the centuries-old devotions, and contemporary Italian American women's reclamation of La Madonna di Tindari, La Madonna della Libera, and other Black Madonnas.

This presentation is part of the Library's major, five-month program "**Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego,**" a Communities Speak project made possible by the California Council for the Humanities.

For more information about the "Evviva la Madonna Nera" exhibit or other "Stories of Faith" programs, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> or call the Central Library at 619-236-5800.

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